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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date if Approp.
	AA	5,067,975	11/26/91	Backer et al.	65	3.12	
	AB	6,242,136	6/5/01	Moore et al.	430	5	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AL	WO 98/39496	9/11/98	PCT	C23C	16/40	X
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	AN	WO 99/54259	10/28/99	PCT	C03B	20/00	X
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

AR	USSN 09/844,081, filed 4/27/01, entitled Method For Producing Fused Silica and Doped Fused Silica Glass, of Hrdina et al.
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